



IOWA CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

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# People & Planet First Agenda

## 2016 Legislative Session Priorities

### **Our Farms, Our Air, Our Water – Agriculture, Environmental, & Climate Policies**

**Our Legislative Priorities:** Local control of factory farms; Clean Water Act permits for every factory farm; moratorium on new factory farm construction; tougher permitting standards for factory farms; tougher fines and penalties for factory farm polluters; extend ban on manure application to include “saturated” ground; rescind Iowa’s “No More Stringent Than Federal Standard” law for environmental regulations; stronger pipeline protections; no eminent domain for corporate gain; investment in a 100% community owned renewable program by 2050.

### **Our Wages, Our Work – Worker Justice & Financial Security Policies**

**Our Legislative Priorities:** Raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour and index the minimum wage for annual cost of living increases; Implement anti-wage theft provisions with increased fines and penalties for businesses that commit wage theft; Increase Iowa Workforce Development funding in order to hire more wage theft investigators; cap payday loan interest rates at 36 percent – the same rate as banks and credit unions; enact stronger regulations on payroll debit cards.

### **Our Rights, Our Equality – Racial Justice Policies**

**Our Legislative Priorities:** Ban racial profiling; require demographic data collection on law enforcement traffic stops; establish citizen review boards to review policing complaints and ensure transparency and accountability; mandate statewide use of police body cameras; “Ban The Box” legislation.

### **Our Universities, Our Education – Fully Funding Iowa's Universities To Build A People & Planet First Iowa**

**Our Legislative Priorities:** General Regents support of \$673 million (a return to 2008 inflation-adjusted funding per student); approval of a Regents funding model that doesn’t require universities to compete against each other; and passage of the IOWA Act.

### **Our Money, Our Priorities - A State Budget To Build A People & Planet First Iowa**

**Our Legislative Priorities:** Combined corporate reporting; Transparency in Corporate Tax Reporting Act; end tax breaks and exemptions for factory farm polluters; enact a “fair share fee” on corporations with more than 250 employees that pay below \$15 an hour, with the revenue collected going to county budgets for low-income assistance programs; investment in infrastructure and green/renewable jobs programs.

### **Our Government, Our Voice – Electoral Policy To Build A People & Planet First Iowa**

**Our Legislative Priorities:** Voter-Owned Iowa Clean Elections (VOICE), a system for public financing; campaign contribution limits; universal voter registration; Constitutional Amendment overturning corporate personhood/Citizen’s United; restoring voting rights returning citizens.